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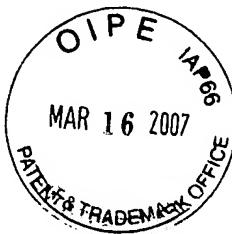
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For: **PROCESS AND APPARATUS FOR MICROWAVE DESORPTION OF ELEMENTS OR SPECIES FROM CARBON NANOTUBES**

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

Responsive to the Final Office Action dated December 12, 2006, having a shortened statutory period for response expiring March 12, 2007, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows: